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8TH ANNUAL VISITACION VALLEY ARTS FESTIVAL & STREET FAIR

A new feature this year at the Festival was the carnival ride section, which was enjoyed by all. Watch for more of this in the future. *Photo: JK*

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Home SAFE Home

Home May Be Sweet -- But Is It Safe?

...Lemon-fresb scent...takes tbe grease out of your way...look, no streaks...I can see my reflection!...Unbeatable shine...removes ground-in dirt on contact...What cleanliness!

...And, wbat pollution!

Yes, wbat pollution! Few people realize tbat tbe products we use to clean our homes are loaded with cbemicals that we liberally spread through our living areas. It's bard to fathom that the household products on our supermarket sbelves contain over 55,000 cbemicals.

From flea collars to floor cleaners, these modern-daywonders offer instant results -- but, at a cost to our bealtb and to the environment. The very products we use to sanitize our bomes are polluting our air, land, and water.

A study by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency found that regardless of geographic location, the air inside the average home is more polluted than tbe are outdoors. Whether in a rural community or a smokestack metropolis, indoor air has up to five times tbe chemical content of tbe air outside.

And that's not the least of it. In order to manufacture tbe products tbat chemically pollute our homes, the environment pays a tremendous price. The waste products of the manufacturing processes cause water pollution and soil contamination, which are tben added to when we flusb the wastes down the drain or deposit empty containers in a landfill.

"Over 1,000 new cbemicals are introduced on the market every year, many of tbem toxic," said Bruce Livingston, California Director for Clean Water Fund in San Francisco. "We bave to break this deadly cycle of creating toxic wastes as consumer goods are produced, packaged, used, and finally, disposed of."

When environmental activist Debra Stanger and a committee of volunteers working with Clean Water Fund, a national environmental research and education organization, investigated the sources of indoor air pollution, they were astounded to learn tbat the bousebold products used in millions of homes across tbe country contain carcinogenic ingredients.

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Clean Water Fund presented the group's findings to tbe public in tbe Healtby House Tour, a portable exhibit whicb features 20 common household product groups, describes their potential hazards, and suggests non-toxic alternatives. Examples of alternatives include:

-- Scrub your oven with a paste of baking soda, salt, and water, rather than using poisonous, corrosive lye.

-- A solution of borax and water makes an effective all-purpose cleaner and disinfectant, eliminating the need to buy separate cleaners for tbe kitcben, bathroom, toilet, and floors.

-- Rather tban using room deodorizers, which work by masking ratber than removing unpleassant odors, a disb of baking soda, a fragrant potpourri, or bouseplants will purify tbe air.

"Attending the Healthy House Tour and seeing the display made people realize that we don't need chemicals to make things clean, " said Stanger. "We bave just been taken in by tbe advertising of big manufacturers, when chemicals actually pollute our bomes much more tban they clean."

Clean Water Fund bas a Home SAFE Home Chart of Household Alternatives available, an easy-to-use reference for people to post as reminders in tbeir homes, aswell as Every Citizen's Environmental Handbook, to provided expanded information on safe alternatives to household toxic, and in addition, to provided bow-to hints for water and energy conservation.

The Home SAFE Healthy House Tour will be held next in San Francisco at Fort Mason, Conference Room, Bldg. A, on June 13, 10am to 5pm. it will also be held at the county Fair Building, Golden Gate Park, July 26, from 10am to 4pm. Admission is free to tbe public.

Boxer to Bush: American Jobs Before Foreign

Washington--Saying that jobs for American must come first, Congresswomen Barbara Boxer (D-CA) joined fifty-eight members of Congress in a letter to President Bush stating they would not support bis plan for additional assistance to tbe former Soviet Republics.

"We cannot support your plan for additional assistance to the former Soviet republics until you bave addressed tbe issue of

jobs and economic growtb for America," Boxer and her colleagues wrote. "Specifically, we are calling on you to support an extension of unemployment benefits and an accelerated jobs program for Americans."

Today more tban 9.2 million Americans are unemployed. More than a million jobs have been lost since the recession began in july 1990.

Boxer and her colleagues called for an accelerated jobs bill to spark economic recovery and to put Americans back to work. The legislation would spend up job creation by putting people to work immediately on roads, bridges and other construction to belp rebuild local communities.

Tbe members of Congress urged President Bush to take action, "We call upon you to join us in a commitment to economic recovery in the United States. We call upon you to rebuild our own economic prosperity with tbe same determination you have sbown toward the former Soviet republics. We have outlined the first two steps, permanent unemployment reform and an accelerated jobs bill. With your support, these measures can easily become law."

"It's time to bring tbis money back home and take care of our own," Boxer said. "The Busb Administration needs to show the same determination to rebuild America's economic prosperity as they bave sbown toward the former Soviet republics."

Boxer has been a leader in Congress working to enact legislation to belp ease America's transition from a military-based to a post-cold war, civilian-based economy.

Boxer co-authored a proposal witb Majority Leader Dick Gepbardt, which was approved as part of tbe Democratic Budget proposal. The Boxer-Gephardt proposal creates a $1 billion Economic Transition Fund. The fund allows the Administration to guarantee loans to corporations in military technology fields. These loans would be used by corporations to make the transitions to producing and expanding commercially viable, civilian technologies critical to the Nation's security.

OUTSTANDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Visitacion Valley Elementary School Is proud to announce that one of our teachers, Mrs. Darleen Wong was awarded the distinction of "Elementary School Teacher of the Year" by the San Francisco State University Alumni Association. Mrs Wong has served the students of "Little Vis" for 35 years, her entire career since she started here as a student teacher.

Photo: Mrs. Wong with her colleague Vi Galvan at the awards banquet on May 2nd, and with the last 3 principals of Visitacion Valley Elementary School (L to R) Mr. Chao (current principal), Mrs. Bell ('84 - '89) and Mrs. Jones ('81 - '84).

GROANING GNEIGHBORS GNASHING TEETH

Developer must clean up act

The vacant property on Britton Street that once belonged to the Gatti Nursery has been a sore spot in the neighborhood ever since it was sold some three years ago. Apparently it has changed hands at least twice, and there is a dispute, reportedly over an easement for the neighbors who want to cut through the property to get to the bus stop.

The real problem for the neighbors is that the three-acre lot has become a dumping ground for all kinds of garbage, some toxic, and a meeting and/or hiding place for law-breakers. The feeling is that this lot is dangerous to children and adults in the neighborhood.

The Health Department has been contacted by several people, and has been attempting to get the lot cleaned up by the Department of Public Works. but DPW wants to know who will pay the cost of the cleanup. It was cleaned up once, and a fence erected, but the fence was torn down almost immediately. If it is done again, how long will it last?

Some of the interested neighbors are going to try to work through Community Boards to see if they can resolve this problem.

If you are an interested party, you may want to join the others in the neighborhood by calling Community Boards at 239-6100 and asking for Chuck. Also, please keep the GRAPEVINE informed of your progress...we're interested.

Secondhand Smoke is no Joke!

Secondhand smoke is killing people.

It is now a proven fact tobacco smoke from smokers is causing cancer and other debilitating, often fatal, diseases for non-smokers who involuntarily breathe it. The risks are great.

The smoke curling up from the tip of someone's cigarette or exhaled by a smoker contains most of the same harmful, cancer-causing chemicals that kills smokers.

Former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop said, "It is now clear that disease risk due to inhalation of tobacco smoke is not limited to the individual who is smoking."

Nearly 4,000 people die each year from cancer-causing second-hand smoke, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. That's three percent of the total toll from lung cancer.

Among the victims are children. The American Cancer Society says children of smokers are at increased risk of developing illness ranging from the common cold to bronchitis or pneumonia. Other risks include chronic coughs, ear infections and reduced lung function.

There is a 39% increase in absenteeism of non-smoking children of Parents Who Smoke compared to non-smoking children of parents who do not smoke.

Nicotine, which is found in tabacco products, is more addictive than crack or alcohol. One in six who experiment with crack will become addicted; one in ten who experiment with alcohol will become addicted; Nine Out Of Ten Who Experiment With Tobacco Will Become Addicted!!!

Tobacco Facts: The Problem is Serious!

Smoking is the #1 preventable cause of death in the nation

Every 13 seconds, someone in the world dies from a tobacco-related illness

More people die from cigarette smoking and related illness than die from alcohol, traffic accidents, illicit drugs, murder and suicide combined.

Cigarette smoking is responsible for one out of every five American deaths.

Tobacco kills mearly 435,000 Americans each year. Cocaine kills no more than 1000.

Camp Superstuff

If you live in San Francisco and have a child with asthma, the American Lung Association of San Francisco has a summer program that may interest you.

Camp Superstuff is a day camp for children with asthma, ages 6 through 12 years. The week-long program gives them an opportunity to meet, to learn from each other and to have fun!

Focus of Camp Superstuff is to involve the Campers as active participants in as many activities as possible.

Group sessions provided the youngsters with opportunities to share experiences and to learn more about their asthma and how to manage it better.

Camp Superstuff is a careful blending of learning about asthma combined with funtime, too! There are exciting things to do like treasure hunts, swimming and other sports, tie-dying, cooking and baking, art projects, crafts and an extra-special field trip.

* There is medical supervision at all times during Camp Superstuff.

* There is a registration fee. Scholarships are available. Registration is limited and advance registration is required.

Parents are invited to attend a special morning session designed just for them during Camp Superstuff. This informative get-together, for parents only, reviews what the Camp is all about, what their children are learning, the activities they are engaged in and also allows plenty of time for questions, answers and discussion. The session concludes with parents and children working together on relaxation exercises.

Call the American Lung Association of San Francisco - the Christmas Seal people - at (415) 543-4410, or drop by its offices at 562 Mission Street (between 1st and 2nd Streets), Suite 203, San Francisco, CA, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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From Where I Sit By Mayor Frank Jordan

"Healing is a matter of time, but it is sometimes also a matter of opportunity." - Hippocrates' Precepts

Hippocrates died 400 B.C., but the wisdom of his words ring clear today. San Francisco's experience during the tumultuous aftermath of the Rodney King verdict pales in comparison with Los Angeles and other cities.

The riots and nationwide unrest are symptomatic of society's failure provide for the disenfranchised. The civil unrest shocked the world. It demanded us to seize the opportunity to reflect on root causes of the civil strife and to start a long healing process.

I was stunned by a jury's verdict in the Rodney King case. How that jury, faced with the blunt evidence of police brutality shown on video tapes, came to its decisions is beyond me.

But a mystifying jury decision is absolutely no justification for subsequent violence that has made victims of thousands of innocent residents in Los Angeles.

Despite the jury decision, and the resultant street violence, we cannot lessen our demands for proper law enforcement conduct.

As I watched the unfortunate events in Los Angeles, I was determined to take necessary measures to ensure the safety of our citizens.

San Franciscans were fortunate. We acted swiftly and decisively. As soon as I saw the situation deteriorate to the point of looting, criminal vandalism and endangering human lives, I imposed a state of emergency.

It was a difficult decision to make but it had to be done and it had to be done quick. So barely three hours since the first reports of violence, we took the necessary contingency steps to protect not only property, but human lives as well.

As the violence started in San Francisco, our police Department, Fire Department, the Sheriff's Office and other emergency personnel reacted swiftly to bring the situation under control.

All of this though would not have been possible without the cooperation of San Franciscans and the professionalism of our Police, Sheriff and Fire Departments including DPW and other emergency personnel.

I thank all you who have responded in the best interest of the City.

Every person who abided by our request to stay at home and avoid the City's trouble spots was part of the cooperative spirit that characterizes San Francisco. I know that in times of crisis, we respond as one unified community and one solid family.

Despite our effective response to curb civil unrest, the City did have to pay a price. More than 90 businesses suffered losses exceeding $2-million. Some businesses will forced to close their doors forever.

The cost to the City's coffers is way over $1-million in police and sheriffs' overtime. DPW crews and other essential services.

I will try my best to acquire state and federal money to assist affected businesses. I have already written Governor Wilson and President Bush and hope to get a reply soon. My administration is working closely with Chief Administrative Officer to expedite the acquisition of these monies.

Some of the businesses that are located in San Francisco's newly designated Enterprise Zone will qualify for tax credits and low interest loans. This program is in place and those who qualify should apply for assistance as soon as possible.

The recent events in Los Angeles and San Francisco should be viewed as an opportunity to recognize the root cause of the ills that brought about this tragedy. This tragedy was a result of a deteriorating social foundation which has millions without jobs, affordable housing and proper health care with little hope of making a better life for themselves.

By understanding the root of the tragedy, we can, together, work for change.

We cannot as San Franciscans hope to be the problem solvers of society. However, we as San Franciscans can unite with other cities to advocate at the state and federal levels for a national commitment to rebuilding our social foundations. I am committed to this cause. We will stand with other cities and municipalities to bring back social justice to everybody in America, regardless of race, religion, politics or lifestyle.

I ask all of you, as San Franciscans to join me as we go through the difficulties in our own City to stand by each other. And as we prepare for tough budget cuts, we san Franciscans, in all our diversity, must come together as one family. We, as any family, have our squabbles and disagreements built in the final analysis, we all have to work together.

FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE GRAPEVINE

June 1987

*Mayor Diane Feinstein met with concerned valley residents at the sunnydale auditorium to investigate and resolve complaints about The Geneva Towers management and the increase of crime, vandalism, and drug abuse.

*Visitacion Valley Elementary School was one of six San Francisco institutions to receive the distinguished Elementary School Award at June 5th ceremonies in Los Angeles.

*As part of its emphasis on environmental science/outdoor education, Visitacion Valley Middle School held an Environmental Science Week.

WOODROW WILSON BASEBALL 1992: TOUGH SEASON, PROMISING FUTURE

The young men playing baseball for Woodrow Wilson High School this season displayed great amounts of courage through adversity, as the Warriors improved their skills and scores despite posting a 3 - 28 overall varsity record. The varsity was 3 - 17 in San Francisco's Academic Athletic Association (AAA).

"We lost four talented athletes to academic ineligibility, and one starter transferred," stated Don Harrington, Wilson's rookie head coach. "With the power hitters graduating from last season, our team suddenly found itself with very little experience and a very tough schedule."

The varsity team, with only three experienced players, took its lumps against teams from Marin and San Mateo counties early and often, as the non-league games planned for a veteran team took their toll on the young Warriors. The AAA was more promising for Wilson, as they played close contests against teams that finished with good records, but lost them nonetheless.

The team set an unenviable record of 24 straight losses without a win until April 23, when Wilson's Ervin Molina made sure that his team would win by pitching seven scoreless innings against Wallenberg, leading the green and gold to its first win by a 2 - 0 score. Wilson then swept two games from O'Connell the following week by scores of 15 - 10 and 1 - 0. O'Connell pitcher Eddie Quijada had defeated first place Washington, second place Balboa, third place Lowell and fourth place McAteer, but could not beat the Warriors and Molina, who again shut out his opponents.

For his efforts, Molina was named the 1992 Most Valuable Player for Woodrow Wilson. In addition, Visitacion Valley residents Danny Garcia, Marcus Moore and Billy Tam all played integral roles for the 1992 Warriors.

The junior varsity team was reinstituted thanks to the help of businesses in Wilson's district and others such as Genstar Container Corporation, which contributed $500 to keep baseball alive at Wilson. With their new uniforms and a go-getter attitude, the JV's finished fifth out of nine teams -- very respectable for a brand new team. Tony Martinez was the coach, assisted by teacher John Jasberg and former Wilson All-City star Danny Bright, who hails from Visitacion Valley.

1992 players such as Willie York and Bismarck Ramirez are expected to play important roles on next year's varsity, and if there is another strong class of freshmen ballplayers in September, the Wilson baseball program could be much improved and even a contender in the AAA.

"Our athletic director (Robert Miles) told me that we shouldn't worry about the records, but concentrate on the good things that come from the season," said Harrington. "These guys showed a lot of character and determination this season, and represented Wilson in a dignified manner. Not one of the varsity players fell below a C - average, either. I'm proud of them."

As a service to the players' families and friends who cannot normally attend weekday afternoon games, the Wilson and Burton coaches organized a Fan Appreciation Night on Saturday, May 9, at the Crocker-Amazon Playground. Director Harry Pooner volunteered his time on behalf of the S. F. Recreation and Park Department, and turned the lights on for the night's festivities, which not only included the game (won by Burton 17-6), but also music, announcing, and a free drawing for prizes donated by the Giants, A's, and Sharks. Wilson Principal Jennie Horn threw out the first ball, and the fans and players enjoyed the evening, from team introductions to the last out...and oh, yes, the Bravo Pizzas, as well.

"It was a very unusual season, not what I had in mind at all," added Harrington. "If nothing else, it sure makes you curious as to what's ahead next season. Yogi Berra said, 'it ain't over 'til it's over,' but is it really ever over?"

Well, the 1992 season might be over for Woodrow Wilson, but the good things may just be starting!

The 1992 Woodrow Wilson Warriors: Fan Appreciation Night.

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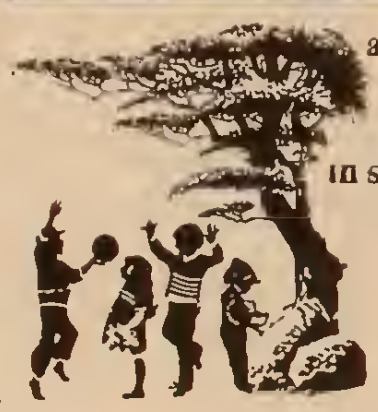

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Letters

May 15, 1992

Hon. Louise Renne
City Attorney
206 City Hall
San Francisco, Ca 94102

Dear Mrs. Renne:

Public reports, including the enclosure, show that four

members of the Board of Supervisors have apparently violated Section 2.401 of the Charter by demanding that former Chief of Police Richard D. Hongisto be suspended as Chief of Police by the Police Commission. In behalf of the San Francisco Taxpayers Association, I request that your office institute an immediate investigation into whether violations of Section 2.401 have occurred and whether misconduct charges by the Mayor are in order.

I look forward to a response at your very earliest

opportunity.
Sincerelyyours,
Quentin L. Kopp
Encl.
cc: Hon. Frank M. Jordan
James Reube, Esq.

San Francisco Charter, Section 2.401 Non-Interference in Administration Affairs

Except for the purpose of inquiry, the board of supervisors shall deal with the administrative service for which the chief administrative officer is responsible solely through such officer, and for administrative or other functions for which elective officials or boards or commissions are responsible, solely through the elective official, the board or commission or the chief executive officer of such board or commission concerned.

Neither the board of supervisors, nor its committees, nor any of its members shall dictate, suggest or interfere with appointments, promotions, compensations, disciplinary actions, contracts, requisitions for purchases or other administrative recommendations or actions of the chief administrative officer, or of the department heads under the chief administrative officer, or under the respective boards and in the manner provided by this charter, and any dictation, suggestion or interference herein prohibited on the part of any supervisor shall constitute officer misconduct; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall restrict the power of hearing and inquiry as provided in this charter.

Dear Editor:

In the past, and on more than one occasion. I have been told some truly terrible stories about the service The San Francisco Municipal Railway has, or has not provided!! It seems that if you are a senior citizen, have a mobility impairment, or disabled in some way, you immediately become a 'victim' of the operator or driver.

Having heard so many stories, I only use the Municipal Railway System as a last resort -- I have been forced to rely upon a wheelchair for a number of years now, so I figured there is no sense in pushing it! This is not to say that I haven't caught, or used the railway system. Since I live on San Bruno Avenue, there have been times that the system, indeed, came in very handy. Actually, for the majority of times that I have caught the bus, I found the experience most pleasing!

Today, however, I once again found myself in a position where I had to catch the bus (as the batteries in my wheelchair were getting very low). When the bus arrived, the driver refused to allow me to enter on (even through he was operating a 'kneeling-bus' and entry could have been safely made. I know this because I have boarded the bus at that same bus stop in the past, but be as it may I was left there. Upon reflection, I decided that I have already been hurt enough and was in enough pain. Perhaps it was better that did not board his bus, for he obviously wasn't familiar with the equipment that he was operating!!

Later on, I again wanted to catch the bus, at Dwight and San Bruno Avenues, a rather level location. From the onset of arrival of the bus, the driver was very abusive and rude, he swung his chair about, stood up, and yelled at his passengers on the right side of the bus that they would have to move! He then lowered his ramp. I asked him, in hopes to calm him down, (certain drivers like you to board their buses in certain ways) at which direction he would like me to board. He replied, "I don't give a damn!"

I decided to board backwards -- on a crowded bus, that's always the easiest thing to do. However, since I couldn't board instantly, the driver became even more hostile! He wanted to know if "I have ever boarded a bus before?" He didn't thing my type of wheelchair was allowed on buses. I answered him, "yes, I have boarded many, many buses in the past, but certainly not the one you are operating, and yes, Municipal Railway recognized my 'scooter' as a legitmate wheelchair -- at least they did up to two or three months ago (I attempt to keep as well informed as possible)."

Perhaps, I should have acted afraid, but because I wasn't, he seed to get even more aggressive! At this point, I really had no desire to even ride on "his" bus so I said, "enough, let me off the bus, I'll let Municipal Railway sort this problem, not mine!"

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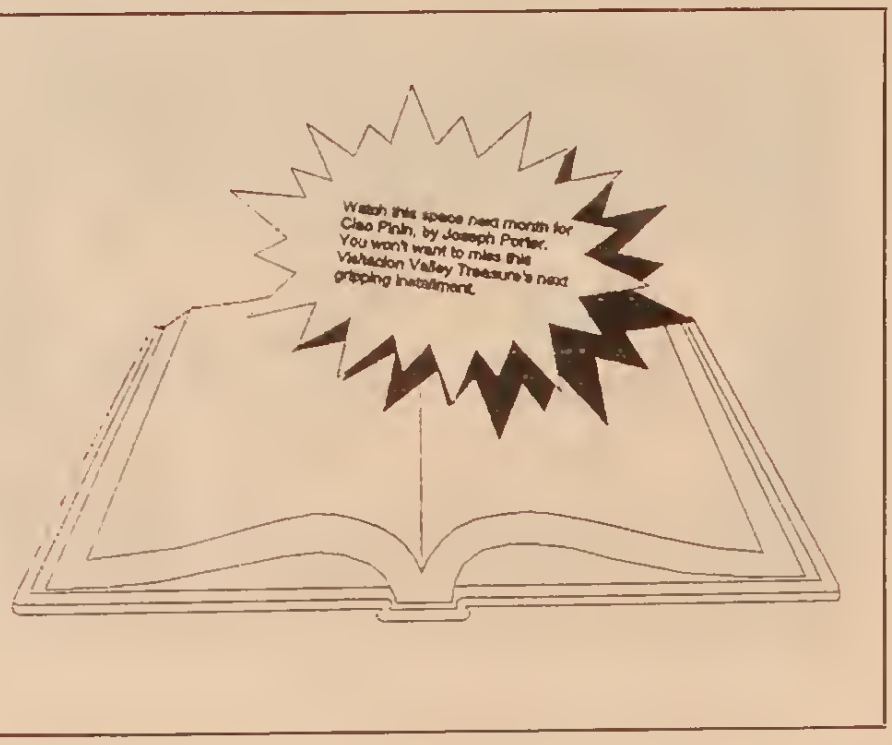

HELP WITH VISION LOSS

If you or someone you know is losing their vision, the Rose Resnick Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired can help. The Center provides a free professional consultation to determine how to make best use of remaining sight. A variety of Center-based and in-home services are available, including support groups for people experiencing recent vision loss.

The Center has been providing services to the Bay Area community for 30 years. Services include adjustment to vision loss, children's and adult recreation/education, computer training, employment counseling and transportation.

For further information, contact the Rose Resnick Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired at 1299 Bush St., San Francisco, CA 94109, or call (415) 441-1980.

The Photography Center

Ready to turn your photography hobby into your profession? Plan ahead to make your portrait or wedding business a success from the start. Jim Hager gives tips on business plans, record keeping and marketing.

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The Recycling Grab Bag

Blue Box difference

Do blue boxes really make a difference in reducing the amount of garbage that goes to the landfill? Most of us would intuitively answer with a resounding, "YES". For those more cynical critics of curbside recycling programs across the nation, the venerable 20 year old Garbage Project, headed by archaeologist Dr. William L. Rathje has been digging into 4 Canadian landfills in the Greater Toronto area to determine whether Canada's famous Blue Box Program - North America's first curbside recycling project, now more than 5 years old (San Francisco's program started 3 years ago.) had had a measurable impact on the volume of landfilled refuse. The study's results are significant since critics continually doubt Canada's claims of faithful participation in the recycling program, and question the money spent and landfill volumes saved. The study demonstrated two significant changes between pre-blue box and post blue box levels of refuse volumes. Newspapers decreased by almost 50%. Glass also decreased by a bit more than 50%. Differences in change for other materials such as aluminum, tin and plastic were statistically insignificant because Canada's program only targeted these two materials initially. Although no such digging has been done in Altamont Landfill (60 miles away, near Livermore), where San Francisco's garbage is permanently buried, our data shows that curbside recycling contributed to diverting 8% of the City's total waste.

So keep recycling. Do it through the blue boxes at curbside, through the large containers in apartment buildings or take your recyclable to recycling centers for money or as donations to nonprofit centers. For a complete listing of recycling centers, call the San Francisco Recycling Program Hotline at 554-6193. Whichever way you choose to recycle is fine --- just as long as you recycle.

Just say "NO" to Junk Mail

If you don't want it and you won't read it, it's junk mail. Even if it is recyclable and you can put your un-open junk mail in the paper bag for curbside pick-up, junk mail is downright wasteful. The best thing to do is to stop it from showing up in your mailbox in the first place. Have a Junk Mail brunch. invite your friends and family over for Sunday brunch and have a marathon writing session to free yourselves from junk mail. Here are some strategies:

* Direct Marketing Association (DMA)

Write to them and they will put your name on a "delete" file that goes out to all DMA members four times a year. To request a "Name-Removal Card," write to Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, 11 West 42nd Street, P.O. Box 3861, New York, NY 10163; (21) 768-7277.

* Credit Bureaus

Credit bureaus sell your name and address to banks and credit-card companies. To stop them, send a written request to be removed from each bureau's direct marketing file. Two of the largest credit bureaus are: TRW - NCAC, Target Marketing Services Division, 12606 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75243. Attn: Mail Preference Service; (214) 235-1200 Trans Union, Transmark, Inc., 555 W. Adams St., Chicago, IL 60661; (312) 431-8202.

* Mailing List Brokers

Mailing list brokers buy and sell names. The following are three of the biggest brokers. Write and ask to have your name placed on a suppress file. R.L. Polk and Company, List Services Division, 6400 Monroe Blvd, Taylor, MI 48180' (800) 873-7655.

Donnelly Marketing, 1235 N. Avenue, Nevada, IA 50201-1419; (515) 382-8202.

MetroMail Corporation, 901 West Bond, Lincoln, NB 68521; (800) 426-8901.

* Write to the junk mailer directly. Cut out the label and tell them to delete it from their mail list.

Getting Rid of Used Batteries

75% of the batteries purchased in drug stores and super markets are alkaline batteries. They contain the active chemicals, manganese and mercury as energy source. When the chemicals are drained, the batteries are useless and would have to thrown away. Once in a landfill, the heavy metals may leach into the soil and contaminate the groundwater. Unfortunately, San Francisco's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, located at 501 Tunnel Ave., does not accept household batteries due to dispose of the batteries in your garbage. But you can help prevent leaching by placing them tight in a plastic bag.

Better Options:

- Purchase solar operated devices when possible. You won't need batteries in the first place.

- Use rechargeable nickel cadmium (Ni-Cad) batteries. Ni-Cads have the advantage over alkaline batteries in that they can be reused about 1,000 times. Keep a spare set of Ni-Cads on reserve ready for use, so that if the juice run out, you'll have the extra spare to kick in while you recharge the old ones.

- Use a solar recharger for your Ni-Cads. Real Good News Catalog carries them. Call them at 800-762-7325 for a catalog of solar and energy efficient products.

- Use low mercury content alkaline batteries. The most recent household batteries on the market contain only 0.025% mercury by wight. Check labels.

- Change all the batteries in a device at the same time. A set of batteries will produce only as much power as the weakest battery will allow. In addition, the strong batteries will strain the weak ones, possibly causing them to leak.

If you have any questions on household batteries or are interested in learning how to properly dispose of other hazardous waste and using non-toxic alternatives, please call the Hazardous Waste Hotline at (415) 554-4334.

Garbage-Free Summer Picnics

It's June. Bar-B-Qs and Volleyball nets will soon fill Golden Gate

Park, alongwith tons of paper plates, plastic forks, cans and bottles. But it need not be so. I recently received an invitation for a Memorial Day Picnic titled, "Join us for a fun and Environmentally Friendly Picnic". It states that it's a BYOW - Bring Your Own Wares - reusable plate, cup, utensils and cloth napkin kind of picnic. And why not? We bring our salads, our charcoal, our beers, why not our reusable ware? Think about it.

Cheers! City to buy recycled paper

A recent legislation passed by the board of supervisors will mandated the City's purchasing department to buy recycled paper if its cost does not exceed 20% of the cost of virgin paper. If a virgin paper is being bided to the City for $100 and a recycled paper is bided for $120, the City will buy the recycled paper. This, in essence is a 20% price preference for the recycled paper. At present, the cost of recycled letterhead paper is the same as that of virgin bond paper. Other papers, such as office writing paper, are 10% to 25% more expensive than virgin paper waste by 10%. The price preference will make recycled paper competitive with virgin paper.

The ordinance does require the City to purchase recycled products regardless of cost, such as bond paper for letterhead, re-refined motor oil, insulation materials and retread tires. It also would require city departments to reduce their paper waste by 10%.

"Lost & Found", a bottle-cap mosaic to hangs in Cowell theater at Fort Mason

This 15' x 9' mosaic is constructed from more than 8,000 bottle caps and other "found" objects from our curbside processing plant by artist Remi Rubel and members of the San Francisco Conservation Corps. The mosaic is an expression of the corpsmembers' feelings towards the environment, and our society. San Francisco Conservation Corp provides youth training and development through work projects related to environmental conservation. If you are in the area, drop by and see this impressive piece of creative artwork.

Tons of Thanks Tons surveys received

Thanks to all the Fillmore neighbors for giving the San Francisco Program feedback on their recycling efforts. We have received approximately 4,000 surveys. The results are being entered into the computer and I'll be sharing some of the results in my upcoming columns. Those of you who requested copies of the Environmental Shopping Guide can expect to receive them within the next few weeks. Our newsletter, Trash Trends will be published in fall and will be mailed to all of you who requested it.

Graffiti

Enterprise for High School Students is embarking on an anti-graffiti campaign in the Excelsior District and hiring high school students throughout the City to work together to paint out graffiti. The Kick-off Press Conference will include an appearance by Mayor Frank Jordan.

When: 10 a.m., Friday, June 5, 1992.

Where: 4601 Mission Street

Who: Enterprise for High School Students, San Francisco's oldest non-profit job Referral and Apprenticeship Agency for teenagers.

Mayor Frank Jordan

Representatives from the merchant groups in the Excelsior District

Why: Graffiti has become a costly problem for San Francisco.

Enterprise for High School Students is taking lead role in developing a program to attack the problem. For 10 weeks during the summer Enterprise is hiring a team of high school students to paint out graffiti in the Excelsior District. The press conference will kick off Enterprise's effort to help beautify San Francisco. The students will work under the supervision of an adult administrator and in conjunction with the Ingleside police department. Mayor Frank Jordan will speak at the Kick-off.

The project has received major funding from San Francisco Rotary and San Francisco Beautiful. the project addresses several important community concerns: The need for a clean city; providing summer work for teenagers; and creating a team spirit among youth of different ethnic backgrounds.

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Ceramic Art on display at the 1992 Visitacion Valley Arts Festival and Street Fair...8th Annual. *Photo: George Newman*

First San Francisco Children's Center's booth at the Street Fair. That is Gloria Roberson on the right and her daughter Aisha on the left. *Photo: George Newman*

"Cousins": Kim and Kevin Mitchell (both Jr.'s) "on hit"! *Photo: JK*

Here are the wonderful volunteers from Community Boards, enjoying the sunshine while setting up their information booth. *Photo: George Newman*

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Carnival scenes: the VVCC yard held games and activities for the childr

"Mystery Dancer"...Do you know this girl? She won an honorable mention ribbon for her terrific dancing at the Visitacion Valley Festival,

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Plaster mask-making was the project at the VVCC Art Classes booth, with Deble Faulkner, Teacher. The Art Classes are at the Visitacion Valley Community Center every Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. *Photo: JK*

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The Dance classes at Visitacion Valley Elementary School entertained the crowd with some very lively folk dances. *Photo: JK*

Jeffery and Anne Kaartunen had a great bowling game booth for the Koyuse Campfire Club. *Photo: George Newman*

It was gone before the prizes were announced. Call us for your ribbon, little "Mystery Dancer", and we'll put your name in the Grapevine next month! *Photo: JK*

"RAPPIN'" *Photo: JK*

Letters

from page 3

Once again, I was left there stranded!

I have been all over San Mateo County, Oakland and Alameda County and San Francisco as well via bus, and it seems that I only have troubles on the 9 route. I have only has a problem getting on a bus once, I never have problems otherwise, so narrowing it down, the only problem I have are the operatot of the buses tbemselves.

It seems such a shame tbat the San Francisco Municipal Railway has spent so much money on kneeling-buses and wheelchair lifts to comply with The American's With Disablities Act (June 1990), and in some cases has even gone so far as to install wheelchair ramps for easier boarding at 'key locations, yet failed to instruct their operators in the use of their 'new equipment'. It would seem that psychological profiles might also be in order!

Agreeably, it is a tough job dealing with the public all day, that's the job -- and I assure you that there at leasst 200 people or more waiting for any job opening! The San Francisco Municipal Railway is an 'accident waiting to bappen'! I personally wouldn't doubt if many have already bappened and went unreported!

Folks, when you're on the bus, (streetcar or whatever) you are the responsiblity of the driver of that bus, he is, in turn, responsible to the Municipal Railway, and they for him. But FORE MOST, the operatot of the bus IS RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY AND WELL BEING!

We are not without options. Certainly anyone can complain to the Municipal Railway System, I think they, as a company, would, by far, prefer that to a law suit. You could hire as attorney, or perhaps get free counsel through various agencies such as D.R.E.F. (Disabled Rights Education Fund) located in Berkeley, CA. You could also seek counsel with the American Civil Liberties Union, or other neighborgroups such as, Hastings Law School. You may also ask attorney if she or he may know of someone who might be interested in handling such a case pro-bono.

I would be very interested in hearing from others who have had similar problems with the Municipal railway! Please feel free to contact me, or leave a message at the Communtiy Center -- written please, as I don't wish to cause those already over-worked person at the center any more work.

San Francisco could a 'model city' for the rights of the disabled'. Why isn't it? Why is it, that those very people who helped to write such wonderful laws into effect are the first to abuse them?

Jack C. Bergess
Chairperson

Dear Editor:

We are writing to ask for your editorial support for Proposition 153, the higher education bond measure on the June 2 ballot. In addition, we would like you to consider using the following statements as a letter to the editor or an opinion piece.

On June 2, California voters will be asked to consider a $900 million bond measure that benefits college and university students throughout the state and promises to give the state's economy a boost through construction and renovation of higher education facilities.

For San Francisco, approval of Proposition 153 would provide more than $100 million for construction projects at City College of San Francisco, San Francisco State University, and UC San Francisco.

Supporters of Proposition 153 expect the construction and renovations funded by the bond measure to help spur the state's economic recovery, creating up to 13,000 construction industry jobs and increasing economic activity in the state by about $2 billion.

The measure also represents an opportunity to make a long-term investment in higher education in California.

The backbone of California's economy is an educated workforce.

Projections show that within the next five years, 65 percent of California's new jobs will require a college education. But that education requires classrooms, laboratories, libraries, and faculty offices for a growing college population. Proposition 153 would help provide updated and expanded facilities on campuses that may have been built decades ago for a different population and vastly different academic programs. Some of the construction planned with funds provided by the bond measure involves maintenance of the "infrastructure" of the campuses -- the nuts and bolts work required to keep buildings operating efficiently and safely.

For City College of San Francisco, for example, the bond program would provide more than $4.8 million for construction of a central shops and warehouse facility ($4.44 million) and preparation of plans for renovation of the Allied Health building ($378,000). The new maintenance facility would improve efficiency by consolidating existing, far-flung operations.

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Letters

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San Francisco State University stands to gain almost $75 million through Proposition 153 over both phases of the bond program.

Construction projects include the renovation and expansion of the education building ($14.3 million). The current building is worn out and obsolete, consisting of small classrooms designed for instructional programs of the 1950s. The new addition will provide large, flexible spaces and include computer laboratories, self-instructional labs, faculty offices, and graduate study areas.

San Francisco State University's building program also includes a new faculty office/laboratory building and gymnasium ($33.8 million). Space for the original health, physical education, recreation/leisure studies facility on campus was intended for and enrollment of 4,000 full-time students. SF State's full-time equivalent enrollment has since grown to 20,000.

The campus master plan has included a new building for these programs since 1963. In addition, SF State's physical therapy program is built.

Other SF State projects depending on Proposition 153 funding include critically needed fire and seismic safety improvements ($13.5 million), new shipping/receiving facilities ($5.7 million), and equipment for the new arts and industry building now under construction.

For UCSF, the bond program would provide $14.9 million for critically needed classrooms and laboratory space for research programs ranging from the search for the molecular basis of disease to an investigation of interferon as a treatment for hepatitis. All of the new laboratories and classrooms would be located in existing UCSF buildings vacated when the new campus library building opened last year.

The first phase of the bond measure also would provide funding for new campus fire alarm ($4.4 million).

Research laboratories such as those planned for the former library space at UCSF also help fuel the Bay Area and California economy.

Research initiated at UCSF provided the basis for the development of the biotechnology industry in the Bay Area.

Additional funds provided to the UC system in the second phase of the bond program would be allocated among the campuses at a later time.

General obligation bonds, such as Proposition 153, are not new taxes but a form of long-term financing often used by the state for major construction projects. They are similar to mortgage loans used by consumers to buy homes. If approved by voters, the bonds would be paid off over 20 years by the state general fund at a cost of each California resident of less than a penny a day.

Despite California's current budget crisis, bonds provide a way to make a long-term investment in California's economy and educational system.

Since 1986, California voters have approved general obligation bond funding for 103 UC and 239 CSU projects. Voters narrowly rejected the most recent higher education bond proposal in 1990.

California's population is exploding. About one in nine U.S. residents now lives in this state. Statistics show that K-12 enrollment will increase by almost 2 million students by 1999. As those students move through the public schools, thousands of them eventually will enter the CSU, UC, or Community College systems. Proposition 153 projects will ensure that building and equipment will be awaiting them.

Sincerely,

Evan DobelleRobert A. CorriganJulius R. Krevans, MD
Chancellor, President, SFSU
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Cinco de Mayo at "Little Vis", sponsored by P.G. & E. and M. E. P. I.

Spanish Bilingual ed classroom 207 singing "La Bamba" and "Un Barquito" during toe multicultural assemblies on May 5th at Visitacion Valley Elementary School. Professional dancers and musicians also performed for this celebration.

Dear Editor:

Recently, in fact, only a few days ago, i was informed, "that due to 'possible budget-cuts,' Ingleside Police Station would have it's hours of operation cut, during early morning hours."

News of this 'nature', came as a 'absolute-shock', especially when, one considers 'THE TIMES WE ALL LIVE IN!'

A petion we circulated, and many names have been signed, (but certainly not enough, never enough). I also attempted to contact, 'a person in command', at Ingleside Police Station, to 'voice my concern', but was informed, "that no one was available, please leave a message." This I did, and 'telephone-tag' is now in progress.

In Visitation Valley, we, can not, and do not want ' a cut in police services!' If it seems, 'that I speak as a whole', (or as for all of us) it might seem 'that I do! Virtually no one, here, want's any sort of cuts; but would rather see more police on or streets!

Further, we wish that a 'police substation'or annex' be installed at the park building located on, Leland Avenue and Cora Avenue. This would be an 'ideal sight', as the building, itself already exists, as well as for a number of other reasons; 'this is a 'high crime area; itself, and from this location, it would cut the 'response-time for police emergencies down considerably.

We further feel; that the need for a 'better response -time' has risen, along with the 'times.' The vagracry-levels, serious crimes such as assualt, drug-related, gang and other juvenile related, rape, robbery, burglary, property damage, ect., ect. has grown out of proportion and is a 'great concern', to us!

Jack Bergess

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THIS MONTH In San Francisco HISTORY

June 1: In 1850, the San Francisco Herald, started by Foy, Nugent & Co., became the City's second successful daily newspaper, entering the competition with the already established Alta California. In 1851, San Francisco's first organized transit service was established with horse-drawn ominbusses operating from the California Exchange to Mission Dolores. In 1878, American Speaking Telephone Company issued the City's first telephone books; June 2: In 1873, construction commenced on Nob Hill for the Clay Street Railroad, the world's first cable railroad.

June 3: In 1913, Mayor James Rolph operated the last horse-drawn streetcar up Market St. from the Ferry Building to 8th St.

June 4: In 1932, Sigmund Stern Grove, adjacent to the City's Parkside district, was officially dedicated.

June 5: In 1875, the Pacific Stock Exchange first opened.

June 7: In 1860, contractors began laying the first streetcar tracks on Market St.

June 14: In 1850, a defective chimney at the Sacramento Bakery started an 8:00 a.m. fire, which burned out of control and caused $5 million in damages.

June 15: In 1857, San Francisco Water Works, the City's first water company, was established.

June 22: In 1851, yet another fire started at 11:00 a.m. in a residence at Pacific and Powell Sts., causing $3 million in damages.

June 23: In 1924, Lt. Russell Maughan landed his plane at Crissy Field in the Presidio, completing the nation's first continental dawn to dusk flight.

June 26: In 1945, the two month long United Nations Conference st the City's Civic Center came to an end.

June 29: In 1776, a mass celebrating the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul was said by Father Francisco Palou on the site of future Mission Dolores. Father Palou traveled up the peninsula with a large group of settlers, and was awaiting the Spanish supply ship San Carlos, travelling northward with provisions for the newly designated Presidio.

They Were San Franciscans

Andrew Hallidie

As steep and treacherous as some of the muddy roads were on the hills of early San Francisco it was not uncommon to find a sign as the one at the bottom of Noh Hill declaring: "This street is unpassable, even jackassable!"

As the years passed, crude roadways of the growing city eventually yielded to more permanent paved thoroughfares, implemented with a number of criss-crossing horse-drawn railways.

It was on one of these streets on a cold, drizzling winter evening in 1869 that Andrew Hallidie claimed he intensely observed a team of horses labor tediously to haul a car of the Omnibus Railway Co. up a steep grade on Jackson St.

Halfway up the hill, two of the several horses suddenly slipped and fell on the wet cobblestones, forcing the driver to hurriedly apply a faulty emergency brake. Suddenly the streetcar began rolling backwards, dragging and injuring all the horses behind it until the level ground of an intersection was reached.

Hallidie would repeatedly recount this tragedy as his inspiration for inventing a means of transportation soon to become as synonymous with San Francisco as the Golden Gate Bridge: the transportation soon to become as synonymous with San Francisco as the Golden Gate Bridge: the cable car.

Interestingly enough, the most important part of Halldie's invention was conceived aboard when his father, Andrew Smith, developed and patented his experimental wire ripe for underground use in British mines. Hallidie, who was born in London on March 16, 1836, and given the surname of a famous uncle, excelled as a youth in science and engineering, accompanying his father to the United States on a California mining assignment. They arrived in San Francisco on March 24, 1852, just eight days after young

Andrew's 16th birthday.

When work was completed the following year, they were both to return to England, but the Intrigue of a gold rush in a new land compelled young Andrew to stay behind. He continued to study engineering while mining the various mineral fields of northern California, developing clever machinery to assist in various mining operations.

Returning to San Francisco in 1857, he established A.S. Hallidie and Company, a wire rope manufacturing plant at the corner of Mason and Chestnut Sts.

After surveying various areas and soliciting funds to build his street railroad, construction of the 2791 feet of track and underground cable finally commenced in May 1872, on Clay St. between Kearny and Leavenworth Sts. on the eastern slope of Nob Hill.

When the scheduled August 1, 1873 test run for his new Clay Street Railroad finally came that foggy morning, Hallidie's gripman glanced down the steep grade and became discouraged. Without wasting time, the determined inventor promptly took control of the grip, guiding his cable car down to the bottom of the hill.

Franchised by the City, the Clay Street Railroad began regular service the following month, eventually carrying more than 5000 passengers a day.

Hallidie continued to prosper until his death on April 24, 1900, at the age of 64. Hallidie Plaza, located adjacent to the downtown cable car turntable at the foot of Powell St. was dedicated August 1, 1970 in his honor.

Mayors of San Francisco

George Whelan

More than 118 years after he served a modest 17 weeks as the City's chief executive, City Hall finally acknowledged that San Francisco did indeed have an eighth mayor. In a special 1974 session, the Board of Supervisors officially recognized George J. Whelan as the top man succeeding Mayor James Van Ness, but little was recorded of this mysterious person who guided the City through part of the tumultuous times after the Office of Mayor had been abolished.

Whelan had been nominated to the post of district attorney in 1855. After the Consolidation Act as passed the following year, for judges assumed the duties of the Board of Supervisors, in turn appointing Whelan as Board President.

In a time when the Committee of Vigilance had reformed to help maintain law and order on the streets, and the City's political structure was in s state of disarray, Whelan's short administration accomplished little but routine suites of maintaining a growing population.

Public acceptance of the Board was shaky at best, and when the People's Reform Party nominated local businessman Ephraim Burr its candidate that autumn, Whelan modestly completed his suites and turned over the reigns of City Hall to the eventual election winner.

Recreation and Park Department

A Summer Festival of Fun

Lively entertainment and informational booths will transform Stern Grove into a Summer Program Fair for Families, Sunday, June 14, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department's Cultural, Athletic, Aquatic and Community Service Divisions will be well represented at this summer festival introducing the Department's free and low cost Summer Programs for people of all ages.

On stage will be the stars of the Cultural Division's many programs and classes...the Young People's Musical Theater Company, the Recreation Choir, and Dance and Musical Variety performances by groups from recreation centers throughout the City.

Bring a picnic and the whole family for an entertaining and informative day in Stern Grove, Sloat Blvd. and 19th Avenue,

sponsored by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department.

Summer Registration at the Randall Museum

Learn to make ceramics, puppets, handmade paper, lapidary gems, or model airplanes. Study nature, learn stonecarving, or train in clowning techniques. For a panoramic view of arts and sciences, join the fun at the Randall Museum.

Registration for Summer Programs and Classes for children, youth and adults has begun. Call the Randall Museum at 554-9600 for information or stop in to pick up a registration form, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Randall Museum is at 199 Museum Way off Roosevelt Way on Corona Heights.

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Don't throw your carrot peels, coffee grounds into garbage can... compost them instead. Composting turns yard and kitchen wastes into an excellent fertilizer for gardens and house plants. The San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG) will sponsor two composting workshop in June: a FREE hands-on advanced composting workshop on Saturday, June 13, from 10:00 am to noon; and a FREE worm composting workshop on Saturday, June 27, also from 10:00 am to noon. Both workshops will be at the Garden for the Environment, located at Lawton Street and 7th Avenue

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5TH ANNUAL SILVER STAR POW WOW AND INDIAN ARTS MARKET CONVENES JUNE 19-21

--Elaine M. Miles, acclaimed actress of CBS hit series "Northern Exposure", will join over 300 American Indian dancers at the 5th Annual American Indian Intertribal Pow Wow and Arts and Crafts Exposition, June 19-21 at the Kaiser Arena, 10th and Fallon in Oakland (near the Lake Merritt BART station). Presented by the American Indian Film Institute, this gathering of tribes celebrates the traditions and diversity of Native American culture through tribal songs, ritual dances, authentic costumes, and Indian tacos.

Over 50 Indian artisans and craftspeople will show and offer for sale silver and turquoise jewelry, rugs and weavings, drums and original artwork. Each day of the Pow Wow, dancers representing tribes from throughout the western United States, will compete for cash and honor prizes. On hand for the competion will be Irene Nikki Wood, 19992 Silver Star Pow Wow Princess.

The Pow Wow is open to the community-at-large, and families are especially welcome. Admission is two dollars for adults, and one dollar for senior citizen and youths (17 & under). Tickets are available at the door. Hours of the Intertribal Pow Wow are Friday, June 19 from 6 PM TO 11:30 PM, Saturday, June 22 from 10 AM to 11:30 PM, and Sunday, June 23, from 10 AM to 6:30 PM. For more information, please call 415/554-0525 (in San Francisco); or 510/763-1495 (in Oakland).

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

A newly Published Guide to Waste Reduction and Recycling is Available Free to San Francisco Restaurants

The San Francisco Recycling Program announced the availability of "Food for Thought", a guide to waste reduction and recycling for San Francisco food service establishments. The guide contains a variety of suggestions that restauranteurs can use to reduce the volume of their waste, which correspondingly results in lower operating costs.

From tips such as, "Never store tomatoes and lettuce in the same container or close to each other-tomatoes emit a gas that will turn lettuce brown", to "Purchase cleaning supplies in concentrate rather than in ready to use form-you won't be paying for the water that was mixed in with the cleaning agent", the guide offers a wide range of ideas on purchasing; product handling and storage; food preparation; and operations in the production and service areas. The guide also contains a section that lists local resources for obtaining more related information, for ordering supplies, and for donating food.

"These ideas are not new. They originate from tried and true programs dealing with reducing restaurant operating costs," says Terry Engle, Business Recycling Coordinator for the San Francisco Recycling Program and author of the guide. Engle speaks from his many years of restaurant experience prior to joining the San Francisco Recycling Program. "the information in the guide is, by no means, complete. It is, however, a tool that we hope restaurants will look at and use as food for thought on how their businesses can positively impact our environment and, potentially, their pocket books, "he added.

The guide is available free to San Francisco restaurants. Call the San Francisco Recycling Program at 554-3400 for a copy. restaurants outside of San Francisco may obtain a copy by writing a $3.00 check to City & County of San Francisco, and sending it to San Francisco Recycling Program, 1145 Market Street #401, San Francisco, CA 94103. The fee is to cover printing and handling costs.

The San Francisco Recycling Program assists San Francisco businesses in starting and expanding recycling and waste reduction programs and provides free Office Paper Recycling Guides, desktop recycling containers and other materials. For any of these materials and information, call the San Francisco Recycling hotline at 554-6193.

June 1992

Summer

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATUROAY
	1	2	3 6:30pm Valleywide Parents' Council	4 11:30am VVCC Senior Council Meeting 7:00pm ROSES: Potrero Police Community Relations Angela Davis acquitted (1972)	5 11:00am Geneva Towers Headstart Graduation 7:30pm Visitacion Valley Asian Residents' Assn.	6 10:00am Fathers Day Health Fair at VVCC (baby pictures) *Marian Wright Edelman (1939)*
7 1:00pm VVCC Bingo ◐ FQ	8	9 4:30pm Sunnydale Tenants Association 7:00pm El Dorado Neighborhood Betterment Council	10	11 6:00pm VVCC Parents Council	12 *Thurgood Marshall appointed Justice (1967)*	13 *Eleanor Holmes Norton (1937)*
14 1:00pm VVCC Bingo ○ FM Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19 *Juneteenth*	20 *Summer begins* Juneteenth Festival: E. Palo Alto
21 1:00pm VVCC Bingo Fathers Day	22	23 7:00pm El Dorado Neighborhood Betterment Council ◑ LQ Wilma Rudolph (1940)	24	25	26 5:00pm Visitacion Valley Improvement Club VVCC Staff Training Day	27 9:30am VVCC Board Meeting Ruby Middleton Forsyth (1905)
28 1:00pm VVCC Bingo	29	30 ● NM *Lena Horne (1917)*				

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Family Festival

Saturday June 13th, 1992
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

John McLaren School will be Sponsoring their 1st Juneteenth Family Festival.

There will be lots of food, fun, arts and crafts and many more surprises.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF CITY COMMISSIONS & BOARDS

Airports Commission	1st & 3rd Tuesday	3:00PM
Arts Commission	1st Monday	3:00PM
Board of Education	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:00PM
Board of Supervisors	each Monday	2:00PM
Commission on Aging	1st Wednesday	9:30AM
Comm - Status of Women	4th Thursday	4:00PM
Health Commission	1st & 3rd Tuesday	3:00PM
Housing Authority Comm	2nd & 4th Thursday	4:00PM
Human Rights Comm	1st & 3rd Thursday	4:30PM
Library Commission	1st Tuesday	4:30PM
Planning Commission	each Thursday	1:30PM
Police Commission	each Wednesday	5:30PM
Port Commission	1st Tues & 3rd Wed	4:30PM
Public Utilities Comm	2nd & 4th Tuesday	2:00PM
Recreation & Parks	3rd Thursday	2:00PM
Social Services Comm	4th Thursday	9:30AM

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The Society Page

Please send your announcements, invitations, photos, greetings, and other social items, whether hi-brow, low-life, serious or silly, to the GRAPEVINE, c/o VVCC, 50 Raymond Ave., San Francisco, CA 94134, or call 467-6400.

Attending the Art Show at the 8th Annual Visitacion Valley Arts Festival and Fair, (from left to right) Ida Doninelli, Leonora Jordan, Officer Bruce Fairbairn, Frank McNaughton, Alma Taylor, John Hanson and Emma Ho. *Photo: George Newman*

The "Barbeque Kings", Everett Johnson, Micheal Jones and Herman Jones at the Visitacion Valley Festival on May 16th, 1992. *Photo: JK*

At the Visitacion Valley Festival, Officer Yolanda Williams makes a point. *Photo: JK*

Ida Doninelli garnered a First Place in the Oil Painting category at the Art Show with this portrait of her Grandson. *Photo: JK*

The talented Barbeque Kitchen Crew, led by Brenda Haynes and Brenda Lopez, far right. Able assistants are Tyrone, Mary and Jeffrey. *Photo: JK*

Shirletha Holmes-Boxx and her pal, Rico, give a tour of the Festival to Dangerous George Williams of the "Dangerous George Show" on Channel 25 and his colleague. *Photo: JK*

Robin and Temple Gottschalk patronized the Senior Center's Bake sale. Volunteers Zona Gibbons and Isabel Laura assisted them. *Photo: JK*

Visiting Visitacion Valley from Tokyo, Japan, Producer Akira Imai, of NHK Japan Broadcasting Corp. (far right) and his colleagues visited the neighborhood during the Visitacion Valley Festival and posed for our cameras. *Photo: JK*